

Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

MINUTES Special Board Meeting May 21, 2019

APPROVED

Proceedings for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board, taken in regular session on May 21, 2019 Kleinpeter Physical Therapy, 7648 Picardy Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808. A quorum of members were present. Board members present were: Chairman Julie Ann Harris, Secretary/Treasurer, Karl Kleinpeter, and board members Phil Page, and Craig Prejean. Charlotte Martin, Executive Director was present. Present from the public was Grace Toohey.

Chairman Julie Ann Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Julie Ann Harris moved to amend the agenda to discuss the possibility of seeking outside advice and guidance while working through recommendations made by the Senate and Governmental Affairs committee of the legislature on May 15, 2019. Karl Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved amending the agenda.

Rudy Gomez, Partner, SSA Consultants presented a proposal to the board members to provide advice and guidance on the recommendations that the Senate & Governmental Affairs committee made for the board. Karl Kleinpeter moved to enter into a contract with SSA Consultants for the dates of May 21 2019 through June 30, 2019 not to exceed \$24,500. The contract scope of services will be reviewed and approved by three board members prior to the Executive Director signing the contract. Julie Ann Harris seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved.

Chairman Julie Ann Harris updated the board members that the Louisiana Attorney General's Office advised that because they are in a contract with the board to provide services as a hearing officer during administrative hearings, there would be a conflict of interest to provide general counsel and/or prosecutorial services. The board needs legal guidance so the Executive Director has schedule several interviews to be held for consideration of contracted services.

The board members interviewed applicants, which include David Groner, Celia Cangelosi, James Raines, and Randy Ligh and Mary Roper with Roper Ligh.

Following the interviews, Chairman Julie Ann Harris moved to contract with Celia Cangelosi for legal services. Karl Kleinpeter seconded the motion. The board members voted and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Secretary/Treasurer Kleinpeter moved to adjourn the meeting. Phil Page seconded the motion. The board voted and unanimously approved. The board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.